

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** DSC00664.jpg

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1100175.033

**Medium:** Computer Image File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** New Zealand

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** The District Court at Auckland

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable.
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 19 April 2011

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The image shows a young girl posing in a secluded area. The camera is positioned to focus on her genital area and buttocks. It is therefore visual evidence of the exploitation of a child for sexual purposes. The image encourages a sexual interest in children and invites viewers to regard young girls as sexually available.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.